

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

**MAKING IN ORDER APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT CEREMONIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY**

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Monday, February 22, 1999.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT CEREMONIES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Monday, February 22, 1999:

Mr. WOLF of Virginia and,  
Mr. MORAN of Virginia.  
There was no objection.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES GROUP OF NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 1928a, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly:

Mr. BEREUTER of Nebraska, chairman,  
Mr. BATEMAN of Virginia,  
Mr. BLILEY of Virginia,  
Mr. BOEHLERT of New York,  
Mr. REGULA of Ohio,  
Mrs. ROUKEMA of New Jersey,  
Mr. GILLMOR of Ohio,  
Mr. GOSS of Florida,  
Mr. DEUTSCH of Florida,  
Mr. BORSKI of Pennsylvania,  
Mr. LANTOS of California and,  
Mr. RUSH of Illinois.  
There was no objection.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Canada-United States Inter-parliamentary Group:

Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, chairman.

There was no objection.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Mexico-United States Inter-parliamentary Group:

Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, chairman.

There was no objection.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PAGE BOARD**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provision of Section 127 of Public Law 97-377, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States House of Representatives Page Board:

Mrs. KELLY of New York and  
Mr. KOLBE of Arizona.

There was no objection.

**DESIGNATION OF THE HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 1999**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 11, 1999.

I hereby designate the Honorable Constance A. Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 23, 1999.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the designation is agreed to.  
There was no objection.

**COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, February 11, 1999.  
Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to subsection 127 of Public Law 97-377 (2. U.S.C. 88b-3), I hereby appoint the following Members to the House of Representatives Page Board: Mr. Kildee, MI.

Yours Very Truly,  
RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

**COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER**

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, January 28, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(b) of Public Law 105-341, I hereby appoint the following Member and individuals to the Woman's Progress Commemoration Commission: Ms. Slaughter, NY; Ms. Clayola Brown of New York, NY; and Ms. Barbara Haney of Irvine, NJ.

Yours Very Truly,  
RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

**COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, January 21, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 995(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 105-83, I hereby reappoint the following Member to the National Council on the Arts: Ms. Lowey, NY.

Yours Very Truly,  
RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

**COMMUNICATION OF HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,  
Washington, DC, February 11, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to subsection (c)(3) of Division A, Public Law 105-277, I hereby appoint the following individuals to